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II. REMARKS

Claims 8 and 13-15 are pending. Claims 1-7 and 9-12 have been cancelled, and claims 8 and 13 have been amended. Attached hereto is Appendix A showing the changes made to the amended claims. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 8 and 13-15 are allowable. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-4 under § 102(b)

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,676,549 (English). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in order to expedite the issuance of the allowable claims in this application, claims 1-4 have been cancelled, and will be pursued in a continuation application. Thus, this rejection has been rendered moot.


II. Rejection of Claims 1-7 and 9-12 under § 102(b)

Claims 1-7 and 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,234,252 (Wallach). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in order to expedite the issuance of the allowable claims in this application, claims 1-7 and 9-12 have been cancelled, and will be pursued in a continuation application. Thus, this rejection has been rendered moot.

III. Objection to Claims 8 and 13-15

Claims 8 and 13-15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 8 and 13 have been amended into independent form. Claim 14 was already written in independent form, and claim 15 depends from claim 14. It is therefore submitted that claims 8 and 13-15 are now in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in an allowable form, and the timely issuance of a Notice Of Allowance is respectfully requested.



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APPENDIX A: MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

8. (Amended) An adjustable automobile [The] seat cover capable of conforming to a high-back or low-back automobile seat, the cover [of claim 1 further] comprising:

a seat portion having a surface panel and a side panel affixed to the surface panel;

a back portion having a forward panel, and upper and lower rear panels, each panel having top, bottom and side edges, the upper rear panel affixed to the forward panel along the top and side edges of each, the lower rear panel affixed to the forward panel along the side edges of each, the bottom edge of the upper rear panel extending below the top edge of the lower rear panel;

a plurality of securing straps for securing the cover to the seat, including first spaced-apart securing straps extending from the upper edge of the top rear panel, and one or more second securing straps extending from the bottom edge of the top rear panel; and

a pocket lining extending from the bottom edge of the upper rear panel to the top edge of the lower rear panel.

13. (Amended) An adjustable automobile [The] seat cover capable of conforming to a high-back or low-back automobile seat, the cover [of claim 9 further] comprising:

a seat portion having a surface panel and a side panel affixed to the surface panel;

a back portion having a forward panel, and upper and lower rear panels, each panel having top, bottom and side edges, the upper rear panel affixed to the forward panel along the top and side edges of each, the lower rear panel affixed to the forward panel along the side edges of each, the bottom edge of the upper rear panel extending below the top edge of the lower rear panel;

a plurality of securing straps for securing the cover to the seat, including first spaced-apart securing straps extending from the upper edge of the top rear panel, and one or more second securing straps extending from the bottom edge of the top rear panel;

a drawstring for constricting the upper edge of the lower rear panel, the drawstring extending through a sleeve affixed to the top edge of the lower rear panel; and

a pocket lining extending from the bottom edge of the upper rear panel to the top edge of the lower rear panel.